



## GENERAL NOTICE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**Subject:** Revised Minimum Standards for Rhode Island-Licensed Ambulances

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Updated *RI Prehospital Care Protocols & Standing Orders* were recently promulgated which impact the minimum standards for Rhode Island ambulances. The current *RI Ambulance Licensure & Inspection Manual* is currently under revision to reflect these and other changes. In the interim, the following information may be used as a guide for ambulances services preparing to comply with the updated protocols. These changes are effective November 1, 2010 (or upon early adoption of the protocols, for those services electing to do so.)

REVISED 5/25/2010 to include minimum quantities for medications.

### EQUIPMENT CHANGES

- An **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** is now required on all vehicles except class A-1 and C-1.
- For vehicles having an IV Infusion Pump, **PVC-free tubing** is now optional (though recommended.)
- An **Intraosseous Infusion (IO) Device** is now optional for any ALS vehicle (classes A-1, A-1A, C-1, and C-1A.) The device is no longer restricted to Paramedic-equipped vehicles only.
- A **Mucosal Atomization Device (MAD)** is now optional on all vehicles for intranasal (IN) administration of naloxone (Narcan®) or midazolam (Versed®) [ALS vehicles only].

### MEDICATION CHANGES

- The following **Optional Medications** are now permitted on ambulances in the classes indicated:  
Diltiazem (Cardizem®).....min. 50 mg (injectable vial/s) ..... A-1, A-1A, C-1, C-1A  
Fentanyl.....min. 100 mcg (injectable vial/s)..... A-1, A-1A, C-1, C-1A (EMT-P only)  
Ipratropium (Atrovent®) .....min. 1x 2.5cc vial ..... A-1, A-1A, C-1, C-1A  
Lorazepam (Ativan®) .....min. 20 mg (injectable vial/s) ..... A-1, A-1A, C-1, C-1A  
Naloxone (Narcan®) .....min. 10 mg (injectable vial/s) ..... A-1, A-1A, A-2, C-1, C-1A, C-2  
Valium.....min. 20 mg (injectable vial/s) ..... A-1, A-1A, C-1, C-1A
- The following **Admixture Medications** are now permitted on ALS vehicles without an IV Infusion Pump: Dopamine, Epinephrine, and Lidocaine. All other admixtures require an IV Infusion Pump.
- **Syrup of Ipecac** has been removed from the protocols and may not be carried on any ambulance.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions related to the ambulance inspection process, please contact the Division of EMS at (401) 222-2401 or email Marisa Saccoccio, EMS Field Technician, [marisa.saccoccio@health.ri.gov](mailto:marisa.saccoccio@health.ri.gov).

Authorizing Signature:

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